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TO : Chief, General Services

DATE: 27 October 1952

FROM : Chief, Bldg. Maintenance &amp; Utilities

SUBJECT: Estimated costs for Reinforced Concrete Building

1. Reference is made to your recent request for an estimate in cost for the construction of a reinforced concrete building with approximately 40,000 square feet or cube of 600,000 square feet.

2. This is to advise you that through Mr. [REDACTED] Chief, Construction and Repair Division, P.B.S., the following information has been obtained.

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- a. Above ground ----- Estimated cost, \$7.50 per square foot or approximately \$300,000. To be pf warehouse type of construction.
- b. Below ground ----- Estimated cost approximately \$12.50 per square foot or an estimated \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. The below ground construction would necessitate walls with a minimum thickness of 16" reinforced concrete to withstand earth pressure. In view of the difficulty that may be encountered with below ground construction, dampness and/or condensation, drainage and ground pressures, it is obvious that considerable care should be given to the selection of a suitable site, should plan "b" be approved.

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